Supply of water to Delhi by Haryana

4779. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :

SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi is not being supplied full quota of water by the Government of Haryana as per the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the water supplied by Haryana has been found highly contaminated laced with ammonia and industrial waste; and

(d) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken to ensure supply of full quota of quality water of approved quality is released to Delhi by Haryana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) Delhi is being supplied water by the Government of Haryana as per the directive of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As informed by Delhi Jal Board, water supplied by Haryana is normally not contaminated. However, on eight occasions between November, 2002 to March, 2003, the water was found to be contaminated with Ammonical-Nitrogen.

(d) Necessary directions have been issued by Central Pollution Control Board to Haryana State Pollution Control Board and Haryana Irrigation Department to ensure supply of water of approved quality to Delhi.

Imbalance of water

4780. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that because of the prohibitive cost and long gestation period, river linking project has not yet been cleared; and

(b) the steps proposed to re-orient water management policy linking it with the poverty alleviation programme to save regional imbalance of water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) No, Sir. The Ministry of Water Resources, then known as the Ministry of Irrigation, formulated a National Perspective Plan for water resources development in 1980 which envisages inter linkages among Peninsular Rivers and Himalayan Rivers for transferring water from water surplus basins to water deficit areas for optimum utilisation of water resources. Government of India has established the National Water Development Agency (NWDA) in 1982